

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein ~~said body at least one of said plurality of bodies~~ is externally provided with a profiling.

25. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein said securing step comprises the step of screwing ~~said metal part at least one of said metal reinforcing bars~~ into a screw thread arranged in ~~said cavity at least one of said cavities~~.

26. (Previously Presented). The method as claimed in claim 25, wherein said screw thread comprises an encased threaded part.

27. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein ~~said body at least one of said bodies~~ is secured to the inner side of the formwork adjoining the ~~latter formwork~~, and after said formwork has been removed said body is also taken away.

28. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein said first concrete part is poured in a factory remote from its final destination.

29. (Cancelled).

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30. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein said ~~metal part comprises~~ metal reinforcing bars comprise reinforcing steel.

31. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein said ~~metal part is~~ metal reinforcing bars are arranged in a further concrete part.

32. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein said elastomer ~~body~~ material comprises a polysiloxane material.

33. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein ~~said body at least one of said bodies~~ comprises a core made from a material with a higher tensile strength than ~~its wall, a wall of the body and~~ is provided with a supporting surface and is self-supporting.

34. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein ~~said body at least one of said bodies~~ is provided, ~~in the vicinity of the formwork end at an end thereof~~, with securing means for securing ~~[[it]] the body~~ to said formwork.

35. (Currently Amended). ~~A method according to claim 23~~ The method as claimed in claim 51, wherein said coupled parts comprise a series of metal parts reinforcing bars in ~~[[a]] said first~~ concrete part, said series of metal parts reinforcing bars being connected by a ~~common carrier~~ said second concrete part.

36 – 45. (Cancelled).

46. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein ~~said body at least one of said bodies~~ is provided with a series of projections which,

when fitted into said formwork, extend at a distance from an end of ~~said cavity~~ one of said cavities opening out at said ~~boundary surface~~ outer wall of said first concrete part.

47. (Previously Presented). The method as claimed in claim 46, wherein said projections comprise an external screw thread.

48. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, in which ~~said body at least one of said bodies~~ is provided with a receiving means for a part which is to be encased, and after the concrete ~~body~~ material has set, said part which is to be encased remains behind in the set concrete material when said body is removed.

49. (Currently Amended). The method as claimed in ~~claim 23~~ claim 51, wherein ~~said body at least one of said bodies~~ comprises a core with ~~[[an]]~~ the elastomer ~~coating material~~ arranged around ~~[[it]]~~ the core, and ~~in which the removal of wherein the step of detaching~~ said body from said ~~concrete~~ first concrete part comprises firstly ~~the removal of removing~~ the core, followed by removing the elastomer material.

50. (Cancelled).

51. (New). A method for coupling concrete parts, comprising the steps of:

providing a formwork, said formwork including an inner side;

placing a plurality of bodies against said inner side of said formwork, each of said bodies having a shape and including an elastomer material, each body being configured such that when a tensile force is applied to said body, a diameter of said body is reduced;

pouring and at least partially setting concrete material about said formwork and said bodies so as to form a first concrete part having a plurality of cavities formed therein, each cavity having a shape at least partially corresponding to the shape of one of said bodies and

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extending from an outer wall of said first concrete part, wherein the elastomer material of each of said bodies adjoins concrete material and the each of said bodies can be removed from said cavities by applying a tensile force to each of said bodies at the outer wall of said first concrete part;

detaching said formwork and said bodies from said first concrete part;

providing metal reinforcing bars which are receivable within the cavities in said first concrete part; and

securing said reinforcing bars in said cavities, said securing step including filling a space within each cavity between said metal reinforcing bars and said first concrete part with a material which bonds to said reinforcing bars and to said first concrete part, said metal reinforcing bars being encased in the concrete of a second concrete part.